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(011361.00079)

Applicants: Otto J. Volker et al. Group Art Unit: 3636
Serial No.: 10/656,908 Examiner: Joseph F. Edell
Filed: September 5, 2003
Title: Reclining Vehicle Seat Hinge Assembly

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97, applicant herewith submits the publication and/or patent shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c)(1). The undersigned hereby certifies that each item contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of the foreign counterpart Search Report is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. European Patent No. 1 225 085 is believed to be relevant only to the extent that it is representative of the general art in the field.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed reference may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, this reference has not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the reference. This statement is not a representation that the listed reference has an effective date early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.


It is respectfully requested that each of the document shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application. Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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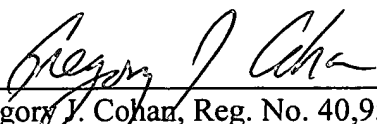
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